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SUBJECT: CAST IRON COOKING WARE - IMPORTS NOT CAUSING
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1. FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED
BY THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (USITC)
MAY 24 ANNOUNCING THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION
INSTITUTED LAST FEBRUARY TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT OF IMPORTS
ON THE UNITED STATES CAST IRON COOKING WARE INDUSTRY:
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(BEGIN TEXT):

THE USITC TODAY REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT PURSUANT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF SECTION 201 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 THAT
IMPORTS OF CAST-IRON COOKING WARE ARE NOT CAUSING SERIOUS
INJURY OR THE THREAT THEREOF TO THE RELEVANT U.S. INDUSTRY.

COMMISSIONERS JOSEPH O. PARKER, GEORGE M. MOORE, CATHERINE BEDELL, AND ITALO H. ABLONDI FORMED THE MAJORITY WITH THEIR NEGATIVE FINDINGS.

COMMISSIONER DANIEL MINCHEW FOUND IN THE AFFIRMATIVE THAT

INCREASED IMPORTS OF CAST-IRON COOKING WARE WERE A SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE OF THE THREAT OF SERIOUS INJURY TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. COMMISSIONER WILL E. LEONARD DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION.

THERE ARE THREE U.S. PRODUCERS OF CAST-IRON COOKING WARE-- THE ATLANTA STOVE WORKS INC., GENERAL HOUSEWARES CORP., AND LODGE MANUFACTURING CO. THESE FIRMS' SHIPMENTS OF CAST-IRON COOKING WARE WERE VALUED AT \$9.2 MILLION IN 1976.

U.S. IMPORTS OF CAST-IRON COOKING WARE, MOST OF WHICH COME FROM TAIWAN AND KOREA, INCREASED RAPIDLY DURING 1972-76, AND, IN 1976, AMOUNTED TO 8.4 MILLION PIECES HAVING A FOREIGN VALUE OF \$6.5 MILLION. END TEXT.

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